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1. ITALIAN CONSUL REPORTED AFTERNOON 25 FEB THAT DIESEL PUMP AT MAI NEFI DAM, NEAR TRACT DELTA, RECEIVED A FUEL RESUPPLY 24 FEB THAT WILL LAST FOR 8-10 DAYS. MAI NEFI DAM IS MAJOR WATER SUPPLY FOR ASMARA. A RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCE BELIEVES THE ELF DOES NOT INTEND TO DISRUPT SUPPLY OF WATER OR ELECTRICITY TO ASMARA POPULACE. SOURCE ADDS THAT ELF WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO INTERDICT FUEL SHIPMENT, IF THEY RECEIVE GUARANTEE FROM COMPANIES THAT ARMY WILL NOT RECEIVE FUEL. COMMENT: SUCH A GUARANTEE OBVIOUSLY WOULD HAVE NO MEANING.

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2. ON 21 FEB ETH ARMY CONDUCTED SIZEABLE OPERATION IN WORKI ONBA WHICH INCLUDED AIR SUPPORT. LOCAL SOURCES REPORT ARMY SUFFERED FROM 250 TO 2000 DEAD IN OPERATION ON 21 FEB. COMMENT:FIGURES DOUBTLESS EXAGGERATED BUT EVEN 100 DEAD IS A SEVERE LOSS AGAINST QUOTE A HANDFUL OF BANDITS UNQUOTE. END COMMENT. AIR SUPPORT, WHICH HAS CONTINUED FOR SEVERAL DAYS, CONSISTS OF BOMBING AND STRAFING BY F-86'S FROM ABOVE 2,000 FEET. COMMENT: WHILE THE NUMBER OF MISSIONS FLOWN AND ORDNANCE EXPENDED IS IMPRESSIVE, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MISSIONS FLOWN AT SUCH A HEIGHT IS DOUBTFUL.
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